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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION BRASILIA FROM RECIFE 02 OCT 74
REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

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RECIFE 177

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, BR

SUBJECT: RELEASE OF AMERICAN CITIZEN HANSON

REF: RECIFE 173

1. AFTER BEING HELD 30 HOURS INCOMMUNICADO, PHILIP HANSON WAS RELEASED BY POLICE AUTHORITIES EVENING OF OCTOBER 1. HANSON SAYS POLICE AGENTS NEVER IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES BUT THAT HE HAD IMPRESSION FROM THEIR Demeanor THAT THEY WERE LINKED WITH THE MILITARY.

2. HANSON APPARENTLY ARRIVED AT MORRIS APARTMENT IN RECIFE SHORTLY AFTER MORRIS HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY. HE WAS RETURNING KEY TO MORRIS' BEACH COTTAGE WHICH HE HAD USED DURING WEEKEND. HANSON WAS DETAINED INSIDE THE APARTMENT FOR THE ENTIRE THIRTY HOURS AND WAS SUBJECTED TO CONSTANT BUT NOT RPT NOT INTENSIVE INTERROGATION.

3. HANSON REPORTS THAT TOTAL OF 21 AGENTS, ROTATING THROUGHOUT PERIOD, TURNED APARTMENT INSIDE OUT EXAMINING ALL PAPERS MANY TIMES OVER, TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS OF EVERY ANGLE OF PREMISES.

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4. UPON RELEASE OF HANSON HE WAS TOLD TO QUOTE FORGET ABOUT

BEING HELD AND DO NOT TELL ANYONE ABOUT IT UNQUOTE. THERE APPARENTLY WILL BE NO CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM.

5. HANSON SAID HE WAS TREATED FAIRLY WELL BUT WAS GIVEN ONLY ONE MEAL DURING THE DETENTION PERIOD.

6. HANSON OVERHEARD CONVERSATION BETWEEN VICE CONSUL LARSEN AND UNIDENTIFIED POLICE AGENT AT DOOR OF MORRIS APARTMENT YESTERDAY (OCT 1) MORNING WHEN WE WERE ATTEMPTING TO LEARN WHEREABOUTS OF MORRIS AND HANSON. THE LATTER WAS NOT PERMITTED TO SPEAK OUT OR MAKE HIS PRESENCE KNOWN TO LARSEN.

7. IF EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION, I INTEND TO MAKE KNOWN TO RECIFE POLICE AUTHORITIES SUBSTANCE OF PARAGRAPH SIX AND EXPRESS THAT INCIDENT OCCURRED AND ASK FOR A FULL EXPLANTION AS TO WHY CONSULAR OFFICER NOT PERMITTED ACCESS TO A DETAINED AMERICAN CITIZEN. BROWN UNQTE.
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